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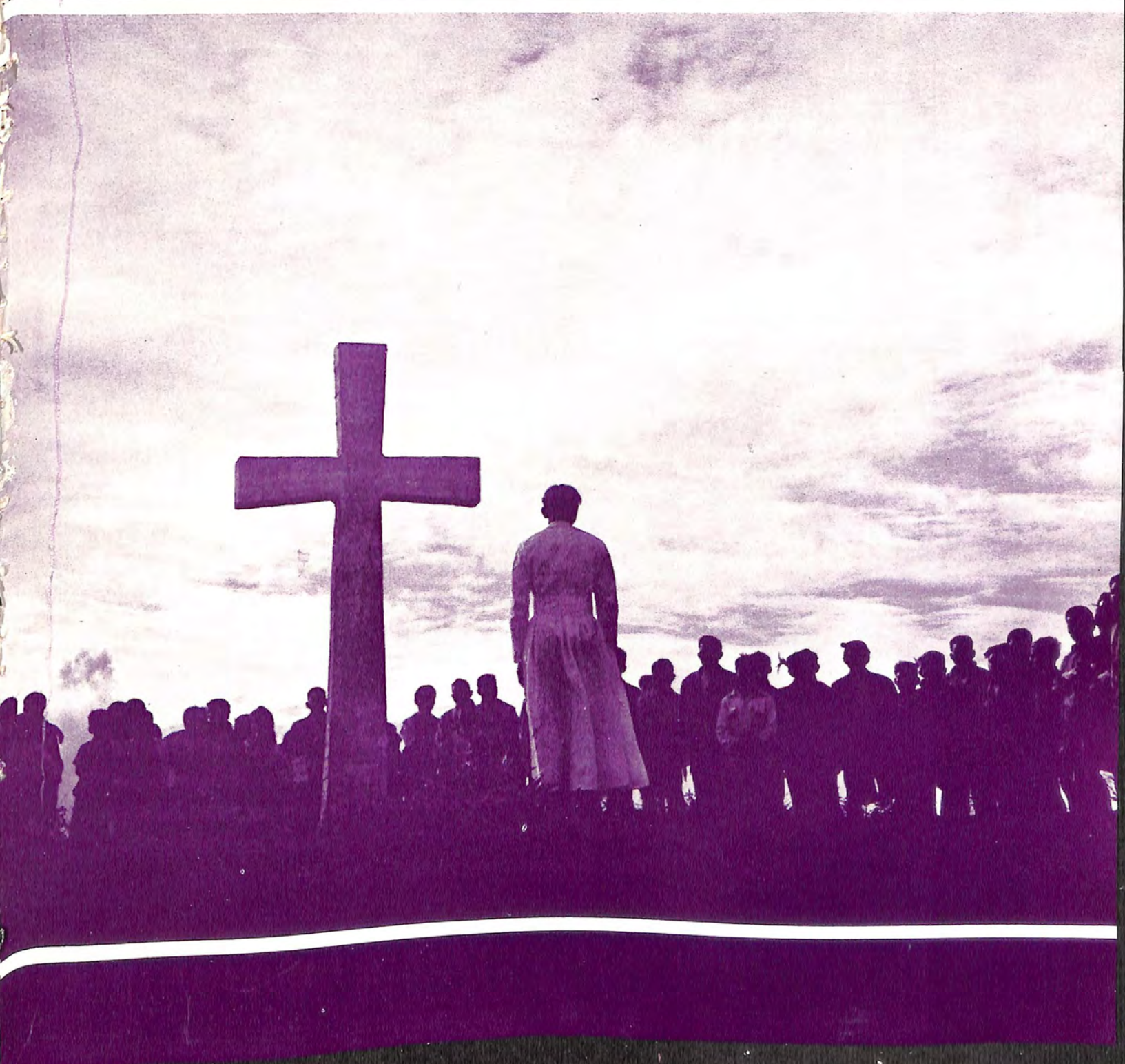

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Noonday Lenten Preachers In Downtown Churches

ST. STEPHEN'S

St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, 12:30 to 12:55:

Ash Wednesday, March 3, The Rev. Edward G. Harris, D.D., Chaplain, University of Penna.

Thurs., March 4, The Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, D.D., Retired Bishop of Shanghai.

Fri. and Sat., March 5 and 6, The Rev. John R. Hart, Ph.D., Washington Memorial Chapel, Valley Forge.

Mon.-Fri., March 8-12, The Rt. Rev. William Crittenden, D.D., Bishop of Erie.

Sat., March 13, Rev. Charles E. Miller, Vicar, St. Mary's Church, Chester.

Mon.-Fri., March 15-19, The Rt. Rev. Frederick J. Warnecke, D.D., Bishop of Bethlehem.

Sat., March 20, The Rev. Charles K. C. Lawrence, Episcopal Chaplain, U. of P.

Mon.-Fri., March 22-26, The Very Rev. Philip F. McNairy, D.D., Dean, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo.

Sat., March 27, The Rev. Louis L. Perkins, St. Mary's Church, Ardmore.

Mon.-Fri., March 29-April 2, The Very Rev. N. R. High Moor, D.D., Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh.

Sat., April 3, The Rev. Harry I. Fell, Rector, Church of St. Giles, Upper Darby.

Mon.-Fri., April 5-9, The Very Rev. Chester B. Emerson, D.D., Dean-Emeritus, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland.

Sat., April 10, The Rev. Nathanael Groton, D.D., Chaplain, Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Holy Week: Mon.-Thurs., April 12-15, The Very Rev. Fred M. Adams, D.D., Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, N. J.

Good Friday, April 16, 10:30 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Address; 12:30 P.M.—Meditations by Bishop Hart; 1:00 P.M.—First Presentation of Cantata, "Gethsemane to Golgotha," H. Alexander Matthews; Full Choir, Special Soloists; 2:00 P.M.—Meditations by Bishop Hart.

Sat., April 17, The Rev. A. A. Attenborough, B.D., Assistant Rector, St. Stephen's Church.

CHRIST CHURCH

Christ Church, Second Street above Market, 12:30 to 1 p.m. The speakers will be laymen on Wednesdays and clergymen on Thursdays.

March 3—Ash Wednesday, Walter S. Robertson, Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs.

March 4, The Rev. John E. Large, Church of the Heavenly Rest, N. Y.

March 10, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt McKeldin, Governor of Maryland.

March 11, Dr. George A. Buttrick, The Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church.

March 17, Dr. John Garland Pollard, Gentleman Farmer from Somers, Va., Ph.D.—Harvard Business School.

March 18, The Very Rev. James A. Pike, Dean, Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City.

March 24, to be announced.

March 25, The Rev. Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council, The Congregational Christian Churches of the U.S.A.

March 31, Alfred E. Williams, Pres. Federal Reserve Bank of Phila.

April 1, The Rev. John Oliver Nelson, Yale University.

April 7, Robert Montgomery, Star of Stage and Screen, Producer of Radio and TV.

April 8, The Rev. James H. Robinson, Church of The Master, N. Y. (Presbyterian)

April 14 (Holy Week), Marquis Childs, Author-Lecturer.

April 15 (Maundy Thursday), The Rt. Rev. Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pennsylvania.

OUR COVER

A scene from "A Vision of Victory," a portrayal in color of the church's work in the Philippines, the latest missionary film to be released by the National Council of the Episcopal Church. The film may be booked in room 30 at the Church House.

HOLY TRINITY

Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, 19th and Walnut Sts., 12:30 to 12:55.

Ash Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 3, 4, 5, The Reverend Harold J. Ockenga, Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, Massachusetts.

First week of Lent, March 8-12, The Right Reverend Richard A. Kirchhoffer, Bishop of Indianapolis.

Second week of Lent, March 15-19, The Reverend Don Frank Fenn, Rec-

tor, The Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Baltimore, Md.

Third week of Lent, March 22-26, The Very Reverend Louis M. Hirshon, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Connecticut.

Fourth week of Lent, March 29-30, 31, The Right Reverend Leland W. F. Stark, Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of Newark. April 1, 2, The Very Reverend John B. Coburn, Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Diocese of Newark.

Fifth week of Lent, April 5-9, The Right Reverend J. Brooke Mosley, Bishop Coadjutor, Diocese of Delaware.

Holy Week, April 12-16.

ST. MARK'S

In St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust Street, each Wednesday and Friday at 12:30, preceded by Holy Eucharist at 12:10.

March 3, The Rev. Emmett P. Paige, Rector of St. Mark's Church.

March 5, The Rt. Rev. J. Gillespie Armstrong, D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.

March 10, Rev. Elof E. Johnson, Rector of St. Simeon's Church.

March 12, Rev. Robert S. Harris, Rector, Church of Annunciation and St. Christopher.

March 17, Rev. William P. S. Lander, D.D., Rector, Church of Good Shepherd, Rosemont.

March 19, Rev. John A. Schultz, Rector of Trinity Church, Ambler.

March 24, Rev. Philip T. Fifer, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Phoenixville.

March 26, Rev. Franklin R. Funk, Rector of Holy Nativity Church, Phila.

March 31, Rev. William A. Powel, Rector, St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square.

April 2, Rev. William D. Leech, Rector, Emmanuel Church, Quakertown.

April 7, Rev. Frank Williamson, Jr., Vicar, St. Michael's Chapel, Yeadon.

April 9, Rev. Theron A. Vallee, Vicar, St. Elisabeth's Church.

FOR ARSENAL WORKERS

At St. Stephen's Church, Bridge and Melrose Streets, during Holy Week each day at 12:05, services will be conducted for employees of the Frankford Arsenal, located near by. Speakers: Monday, the Rev. Charles H. Long; Tuesday, the Rev. William A. Guertazzi; Wednesday, the Rev. Wm. Hamilton Aulenbach; Thursday, the Rev. Thomas A. Meryweather; Friday, the Rev. W. A. Guertazzi and the Rev. J. Lyon Hatfield.

Some Ways of Prayer

By The Rev. D. Wilmot Gateson, D.D.

Rector, Church of The Saviour

During the financial depression of the early thirties a wealthy man came to me in great distress. He was losing money fast, but not enough to threaten destitution by any means—he was just having trouble to maintain his usual rather luxurious way of living; his problem was really keeping up with the Jonses. He was a churchman, had been all his life. I said to him, What do you do when you get depressed? He said, I pace the floor. I said, Why don't you pray? He gave this staggering answer: I don't know how.

Another time a woman came to me with her troubles. She was nervous, distraught, unhappy, yet in no danger of anything tragic happening. She was a Virginia churchwoman, brought up in the Church. I said to her, What do you do in these moods? She said, I light a Murad or play solitaire. I said, Why don't you pray? Her answer was like the other, I don't know how.

I told them to practice the presence of God and contemplate the face of Jesus whether they said anything or not. I told them both that they could always say the Creed and the Lord's Prayer; the Creed is ful of affirmations, not an IF or a BUT in it, and will strengthen their faith; the Lord's Prayer has in it all we need to ask put in the way we ought to ask. I told them to talk their troubles out with God as a child talks with his parents, the way Dr. Floyd Tompkins used to pray extemporaneously as though he and God were on the most intimate and affectionate terms. I told them to use the Prayer Book to guide and suggest. I told them of manuals of prayer that are helpful which can be bought in the church book stores; I gave them one. They wanted something easier, a pattern to be followed at any time and in any place. It was not really that they didn't know how to pray—they had learned how in church—but that they would not go to the trouble.

I reminded them how the disciples came to Jesus and said, Lord, teach us to pray. Immediately He gave them the perfect pattern of all prayer. He taught them that prayer in the Sermon on the Mount preceded by three directives:

1. Never pray for effect, to be seen or thought pious.
2. Pray in solitude, alone with God. He is with you in secret.
3. Use no vain repetitions, saying the same things over and over as though the number you say makes them more effective. It is right to be persevering in prayers but not just to count them.

Our Lord followed His pattern of prayer with another counsel:

4. Be sure that you are forgiving, carry no grudges or resentments. You cannot pray with hatred or rancor in your heart.

I suggested that they elaborate on the divisions in the Lord's Prayer:

First, address the Father in Heaven, Father of all, Our Father, not only mine. Think of others when you pray, not just of yourself, and of the all-loving heart of God.

Second, put the things of God and His kingdom before your own troubles: Hallow His Name, pray for His kingdom, dwell on the thought that what you must want most of all is that HIS will be done, not yours.

Third, pray for moral and spiritual blessings as well as for daily bread and material needs. Your problems will seem less burdensome when placed in perspective with God's will for the world and the needs of all souls.

Fourth, render homage to God, closing with "Thine is the Kingdom," a Gloria and the Doxology.

Those four steps will lead you up the ladder of prayer out of your slough of despond, and can be taken at any time and in any place. Just remember what they are and you have a pattern to follow on a high level. When you bless God and others you will be blessed yourself.

One of my friends spoke of a Rosary as possibly being helpful. No doubt it is to many people. But Rosaries must be used with great concentration and they should not be for just counting prayers, as though we are heard for our much speaking. There is danger of vain repetition in them, such as the heathen do. Rosaries are very ancient, used by Brahmans and Buddhists, beads or knots in a string—their complete Rosary was one hundred and eight

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BUILDERS for Christ

Directed by GENERAL CONVENTION

Diocesan Leaders in BUILDERS FOR CHRIST Campaign. Bishop Armstrong, Mr. Ronald J. McCarthy, Bishop Hart, Mr. P. Blair Lee, Mr. Richard Angus.

The Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, will be the guest speaker at the opening luncheon for this campaign, at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel on Friday, April 2nd at 12:15 p.m.

The following men are the Chairmen for the "Builders for Christ" campaign: General Chairman, P. Blair Lee; Special Gift Chairman, William L. Day; Chairman for Parishes, Albert J. Nesbit; Chairman for Convocations, Richard A. Angus.

In his message on page 7 of this issue, Bishop Hart mentions progress towards the Diocesan Conference Center. In order that provision may be made for the cost of improvements and equipment for the Conference Center, $70,000 has been added to the amount to be raised in this campaign. The total amount of the goal in this diocese is $300,000.

Builders for Christ is the name given the campaign embarked upon by our Church at the direction of the General Convention meeting in Boston in 1952, and endorsed by the House of Bishops meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, in the fall of 1953. The General Convention called upon the National Council to "inaugurate and promote a single campaign to meet the urgent capital requirements of the Church."

Today, every working parish has urgent needs of its own. Today, every active diocese and missionary district sees opportunities for improvement and advance. This evidence of the Church Militant is present now. It will be present next year and in all the years to come. It is altogether right that this should be.

The World Mission of the Church, too, has urgent needs and opportunities for improvement and advance which must be met now. They must not be postponed until that more auspicious time which never comes.

If our seminaries are to continue to supply us with a trained and scholarly clerical leadership, we must see that their most imperative requirements are satisfied. Additional dormitory space for increased enrollment is needed in some. More classrooms and adequate faculty housing are needed in others. Additions to libraries and better general facilities are required elsewhere. Clergy shortage is a major problem of the whole Church. The help which our seminaries ask now will not in any way give to them all they would like to have. Our response to their request will, however, enable them to meet the Church's needs more adequately.

The Japanese Church now has strategic opportunities it has never had before and may never have again. It is one of the world's great hopes against the further advance of atheistic materialism from the north and west. Materially, the Holy Catholic Church of Japan is weak. It needs our help in constructing churches, chapels, and other buildings through which the Christian Gospel can be taught to a people now openly receptive. The help they ask from us is only a small part of their needs. They themselves will provide the larger share.

For many years, our Church has had a great and active concern for our Negro population. In the South, one of the ways we have shown that concern is through the Negro schools established under the American Church Institute for Negroes. Our objective has never been to supplant public institutions. Rather, by demonstration and example, in a few schools we have set a standard which has done much to raise the educational level of all Negro schools. We have shown, too, the power of Christian teaching as a part of the daily life within our institutions. There is still a need in this field for the kind of leadership which only the Church can give, but it must be real leadership if we are to succeed in our objectives.

Today, we are in danger of losing that leadership because of the lack of physical facilities. In some cases dormitories are terribly crowded and unsafe. In others, classrooms and recreational properties are totally inadequate. In still others, general repairs on buildings are needed. All this must be done now if we are to retain our high rating among the Negro educational institutions of the South.

There are other vitally needed projects which must be undertaken in the immediate future. The Missionary District of the Philippines asks our help

to complete its carefully planned rebuilding program; a program required because of the destruction of church property during World War II. St. Just's School in Puerto Rico needs more dormitory and classroom space to make it a completely self-supporting Christian school. In addition, there are many other carefully documented requirements both at home and over-seas, only the most urgent of which can be included in the *Builders for Christ* campaign.

It was because of the pressing nature of all these requirements that the General Convention, while fully recognizing parochial and diocesan needs, instructed the National Council to conduct and complete in this triennium a special campaign for capital funds. It was for the same reason that the House of Bishops in November, 1953, gave overwhelming approval, and for the same reason, the National Council at its December, 1953, meeting voted unanimously to begin the *Builders for Christ* campaign now.

Overcrowded and badly ventilated dining room at the Divinity School in Philadelphia is in the basement of the main building, where the heating system for the school is situated. A successful "Builders For Christ" campaign will build a new refectory and kitchen for the students.

THE ADVANCEMENT SOCIETY

By Reverend N. V. P. Levis, D.D.
Vice-President

On January 6, 1954, was held the one hundred and forty-second annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. It is most fitting that the annual meetings should be held on the Feast of the Epiphany, as this venerable society has been carrying on an active missionary work for one hundred and forty-two years.

Founded in 1812 under the episcopate of Bishop White, long before there was any general missionary society, the purpose was largely to aid new missions, and support the clergy who were actively in the field.

The following is taken from the annual report over 100 years ago:

"It is called the Society for the *Advancement* of Christianity. And hence, in accordance with its title, it seeks to promote the Gospel by every possible method. It has missions—it trains young men in the school of the prophets for the office of the ministry;—it aids in the distribution of useful and pious tracts;—and encourages the extensive circulation of our inestimable liturgy. In every possible way, so far as its limited means will allow, does it seek to promote the glorious cause of Christ and His Church."

At that time the Diocese comprised the entire state of Pennsylvania, and part of the funds are now used for any of the five dioceses. Other funds can only be given in the present Diocese of Pennsylvania. With the coming of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and other agencies under the direction of the National Council, the funds of the Society are now largely given to establish new work, meet present emergencies, and repair properties.

It is the established rule that the Society's gift is always the last payment, leaving no indebtedness.

It would be quite impossible to present a complete summary of what has been accomplished over these 142 years, but it is fair to say that the appropriations have averaged about $5,000.00 a year, or a total of over $700,000.00 to help advance Christianity in Pennsylvania.

It is well known how in recent years large sums have been given to endow educational, scientific, and religious needs, and yet for many years nothing has been given to enlarge these funds. This probably is because the Society carries on its activities in a quiet way, and is unknown to many of our church people. May we not hope that more will remember the Advancement Society with gifts and legacies? There is no limit to what could be done with larger endowments. So we repeat the appeal made in 1840:

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LENTEN DEVOTIONS

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Lenten Quiet Day for Women, Tuesday, March 30th. Holy Eucharist 8:30 a.m. First Meditation 10:15 a.m. Day closes at 3:15 p.m. Conducted by the Rev. C. Edward Hopkin, Ph.D.

Lenten Saturday Quiet Evening from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. April 3rd. Conducted by the Rev. Paul C. Kintzing.

Lenten Saturday Quiet Evening from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. April 10th. Conducted by the Rev. John R. Crockett.

Please register early with the Sister-in-Charge, Victor 4-4612.

BISHOP HART WILL OFFICIATE IN ROME

In the spring of 1859, the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, Bishop of Pennsylvania, celebrated the Holy Communion in a private house on Piazzi Trinita dei Monti, Rome. In the autumn of that same year, St. Paul's Within the Walls was organized by the enterprise of the Rev. William Chauncey Langdon, who was encouraged by Bishop Potter to come to Italy for this purpose. The present rector, the Rev. Hillis Duggins, has asked Bishop Hart to celebrate the Holy Communion and preach in St. Paul's Within the Walls, when he is in Rome on the first Sunday in March

BISHOP'S REVOLVING FUND

In connection with the meeting held in the Academy of Music on Oct. 15, 1952, in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the consecration of Bishop Hart the sum of $50,000 was presented to Bishop Hart as the nucleus of a revolving fund to be used by whoever may be the Bishop of Pennsylvania to meet the emergency needs of clergy and parishes.

Contributions have continued to be received until this revolving fund has passed the sum of $100,000. Additional contributions may be made by those who desire to do so. Loans have been made to ten churches and one individual, totalling $98,550. So far about $5,000 has been repaid.

Bishop Hart's Message

I am happy to announce that I have appointed the Rev. James G. Ludwig, III as Director of the Conference Center. We have been notified by Mrs. Flagg that the house and grounds will be turned over to us on March 31. It will take at least a month to make the necessary changes to open the Conference Center. We hope to be able to use it sometime during the month of May.

A leader of the Church has said: "We are increasingly aware today that to be a Christian means more than simply believing a creed or accepting a particular standard of personal conduct. Our membership in Christ is a new orientation in faith, trust and personal commitment to Him. But no man can be a Christian by himself. Membership in Christ makes us members of each other in Him. We are, in the words of the Baptismal Service, 'regenerate and grafted into the body of Christ's Church' and made living members of the same. In other words, the Christian Gospel involves men in a new relationship to all the children of God. As Christians of the New Testament times realized, life as a follower of Christ meant life in the Christian fellowship we call the Holy Catholic Church.

This eternal fellowship has a visible existence on earth in the historic Church into the heritage of which we have entered. Here is the community of faith, reaching down through the centuries in unbroken testimony to His presence among men, bearing in its life the Gospel of redemption. Embracing men in this present life, this community has a given structure and shape which point men to the elements of the Gospel itself. The forms and institutions of the historic Church—the Liturgy of Christian worship, the Law that reflects God's design for the pattern of human life, the Sacraments of His Grace, the Scriptures of His self-revelation, the testimony of the Creed to His mighty acts among men, the Ministry of Christ's own gift—all these are central to the life and growth of the Christian community of faith.

On one level, then, the Church touches us with the inward aspects of man's new orientation to Jesus Christ in faith and trust. At the opposite pole of our experience we know the Church in its most mundane aspect, a conglomeration of buildings, endowments, organizations, and activities that sometimes appear quite irrelevant to its main purposes. But between these two is the level where they come together in the essential structure of Christian community life, the level where law and tradition, liturgy and sacrament, ministry and church order all bear to men elements within the Gospel itself."

Bearing the above in mind, I hope that the people of this Diocese will approach the coming season of Lent thinking primarily of what they can do to deepen and make more vital the life of their parish. This, rather than a series of little personal rules, will make for a much more helpful observance of this season.

I expect to be back in the Diocese for Passion Sunday. I ask for your prayers while we are away on this trip to the Holy Land.

YOUR BISHOP

Oliver J. Hart

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To Know The Christ — *To Make Him Known*

Lent

Let's take a look at our Lenten program now that the preliminary planning is finished. We have our materials and the Lenten Offering boxes are ready to be dedicated. Let's ask ourselves a few questions. In our development of the Mission Study theme, "The Church at work and worship throughout the world," are we making it clear that in learning more about our church friends around the world and their needs that we are taking our place in the whole world-wide circle of Christian life? Are we broadening our own spiritual horizons as we try to broaden those of our children? "Remember All the People" means the people in Haiti, Alaska, Japan, Panama, on farms and in cities in the U. S. A. and you and your children here in the Diocese of Pennsylvania in your own parish church. Through relationship with children' round the world are our children going to feel the desire to have a real share in helping the Church everywhere to be a living, onward moving body of people through whom Jesus Christ comes into every day life to redeem and enrich every relationship and every situation. Are we trying to stimulate giving because of interest, self-sacrifice and love? Are we helping the children to pray and work as well as give? And finally, what are we doing to help the child prepare for Easter?

Let's check on these things through Lent—If you and your children are being given an opportunity to grow spiritually, if Lent is really making a difference in your daily lives, then you are using well the materials put in your hands.

Intensive Weekends

Approximately 18 parishes in the diocese, to date, have participated in these parish life conferences and the rectors of many of the parishes have asked if they could be invited again. Interest in the *Intensive Weekend* conferences is growing but the diocese is large and it will take a year or more to cover it. However, if you feel your parish is all set for such a weekend don't wait—call the Department of Christian Education and we will plan for you to attend in the very near future.

District Youth Meetings

Over a thousand young people and their advisors attended the ten district meetings held throughout the Diocese on Sunday, January 24th.

The filmstrip "Haiti Calling" was used to illustrate the Lenten Study for Youth as outlined in "Haitian Drums Beat." (Both of these are available in Room 30 for use in parish programs.) The introduction of Haitian games and songs proved to be great fun, and a service of Worship brought to a close the meetings about which many enthusiastic young people have been heard to say, "This has been great! Let's do this more than once a year!"

A unique feature of these meetings was the collecting of "School Supplies" for overseas—a project being carried on by young people of all Communions throughout this country.

Youth Service—February 28th

The young people are talking in terms of—a full house—1500 young people, their rectors and advisors at the first united Diocesan Youth Service at Holy Trinity Church on Rittenhouse Square. Six diocesan organizations and orders with Youth Council representatives have planned this service together and in a very real sense it is a Service of Worship for all the Church's youth. Young people from Girl's Friendly Society, Young People's Fellowship, Servants of Christ the King, Junior Daughters of the King, Junior Brotherhood of St. Andrew, St. Vincent's Guild and the Diocesan Youth Council will participate in the Service. The Rev. James R. MacColl, III, rector of St. Thomas' church, Whitemarsh, will be the preacher. The district meetings gave young people information and help in planning a study program for Lent—this service will give them inspiration and help in making this a Holy Lent. This also is an opportunity for young Churchmen throughout the diocese to witness together to their Faith!

The New Program of Christian Education

III What demands does it make on the average parish (con't.)

One of the basic demands which must be made equally upon large and small parishes is the necessity that the Church's program of Christian education be related to the life that is being lived within the home. Just as within the fellowship of the parish is to be found the source of power, so in the home exists the recurring round of events which become more influential in building young lives than any other area of experience. What takes place on Sunday morning must have a relationship to the joys and the stress and strain of family life by bringing these things into touch with the great tradition of our Christian heritage and the present sacramental practices of the local parish.

If Christian education is to be related to the home effectively, the parents must become involved in the total operation of the program. This means that there must be a regular, planned relationship with parents which will rise above the infrequent associations we have known in the past. In all of the experimental parishes where the new courses are being developed a weekly parents' class is conducted where the parents confront the same religious problem at their adult level which their children are encountering through the Church School classes in other ways. Out of this experimentation will come a variety of parents' manuals which will make possible as many parents' classes as a parish can develop.

The new program will call for at least one parents' class in every parish using the new Church School material. It is no longer visionary to believe that the co-operation of parents can be obtained. There have been a number of demonstrations in recent years of parents' readiness to share in the Christian education of their children if someone will only show them how.

In short, the new program will require a parish which is redemptively alive, and if the parish is not, the program will call for and help bring to pass a necessary resurrection. It will relate its educational work to the source and present reality of this redemption. And it will do so in part by molding parents into the very fabric of the educational process.

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INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM

Reading of what goes on in the surrounding parishes and missions of the Diocese will do much to increase the interest of church members. As their interest is enlarged their enthusiasm increases.

Those who are regular readers of THE CHURCH NEWS develop a deep satisfaction in keeping informed about what organizations, institutions, bishops and clergy are doing beyond the boundaries of their own parish or mission. An informed Churchman is more disposed to be an enthusiastic Churchman.

In one parish where there were very few readers an enthusiastic woman, with the help of other members of a parish organization to which she belonged, undertook to build up a parish subscription list. They thought they might be able to get 25 or 30 subscriptions. They procured over 100.

The Lenten season could easily prove a good time to undertake such a project. When people realize that they can become subscribers at the low price of $1.00 for a whole year, they are easily sold on the project.

Where a list of 25 or more subscriptions comes to us from a parish at one time, we allow a generous commission of 50%. If there is no such subscription list in a given parish, why not have one started? If you have some subscribers it is always possible to increase the number. The 25 subscriber list could be increased to 50. The 50 subscriber list might even be increased to 100 if somebody would put forth the effort.

Each year local organizations throughout the diocese earn hundreds of dollars in commissions through this effort and it helps us toward our goal: "Every family in the Diocese should subscribe."

In the DIOCESE

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

Announcement was recently made that the final installment of $1,500 on the rectory mortgage has been paid by the Church of the Resurrection, Mayfair, freeing the parish from debt.

Marcel Remy, a student from Haiti, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Young People's meeting at St. George's Church, Ardmore.

Mrs. Howard Laycock spoke on "A Year in Point Hope, Alaska" at a recent meeting of the Evening Guild of the Church of the Redeemer, Springfield.

The Rev. J. Aubrey Cragg, vicar of the Chapel of the Prince of Peace, 22d and Morris Streets, recently spoke on WFIL T-V on "Citizens in Action" Program, speaking for the Point Breeze Community Council.

The Choristers, an all male choir of Episcopalians, recently gave a Sunday afternoon concert of liturgical music at the church of the Holy Comforter, Drexel Hill.

A special service for shoppers has been added to the schedule of St. Stephen's Church, Tenth above Chestnut Street, consisting of a celebration of Holy Communion on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

At St. Peter's Church, 3rd and Pine Streets, during Lent the choir will present a series of special musical services on Sundays at 5 p.m. Bishop Armstrong will administer confirmation at this service on Palm Sunday.

Mr. Anthony V. Tuccillo, assistant service manager of the nearby Helicopter industry spoke at a recent meeting of the Men's Club of the Church of the Redeemer, Springfield. His description of the industry was illustrated with sound motion pictures.

Captain Norman Walls, skipper of an oil tanker, has taken his rector, the Rev. William J. Alberts, of Christ Church, Media, on a round trip to Texas.

St. Mary's Chapel, 1831 Bainbridge Street, would appreciate donations of used toys and other equipment, especially a record player, for its weekday nursery school. Telephone KIngsley 5-7113.

At St. Mary's Church, Wayne, members of the congregation have painted five of the Sunday School rooms in the parish house. The lower sacristy and choir rooms in the basement of the church have been completely renovated, including painting, electric fixtures, and new tile floors.

You may now order miniature crosses to be worn on Palm Sunday: see advertisement on page 2 of this issue. An Altar Guild in Florida gets the proceeds.

St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley celebrated the 10th anniversary of the rectorate of the Rev. J. Jarden Guenther with a reception for him and Mrs. Guenther following Sunday morning service on Jan. 31.

Mr. Francis J. Chesterman has been elected as a vestryman at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 19th and Walnut Streets, to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Daniel M. Layman, who has transferred to a suburban parish.

Under the auspices of St. Monica's Church, West Philadelphia, the Lincoln University choir presented a special musical service in St. James Church, Kingsessing, Sunday evening, Feb. 21.

Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, has purchased advertising space on page 19 of this issue to tell of the program for services on Wednesday evenings in Lent.

The Rev. Charles E. Greene, rector of St. Mary's Church, Wayne, has been asked to read a paper before the Laymen's Union of the Diocese of Bethlehem at Grace Church, Allentown. He will also conduct a Quiet Day in May at the Retreat House, Bernardsville, N. J.

In the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square, the Rev. Charles R. Leech, of the Diocese of Delaware, conducted a parish Pre-Lenten Quiet Evening late in February.

The young people of District III, consisting of 14 churches in the Convocation of Chester, held an area meeting at Trinity Church, Coatesville, recently.

WOMAN'S

Editors for Woman's Auxiliary in THE CHURCH NEWS: Mrs. Oliver J. Hart and Mrs. Edward Copper
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President's Message

Our March calendar opens with two special opportunities for deepening and widening our spiritual perceptions. March 3rd, Ash Wednesday, is a day to be in our parish churches with penitent hearts, praying that in Lent 1954 we may grow more aware of our Lord's will for us. The World Day of Prayer is on March 5th, when, with our fellow Christians of other communions, we join in a chain of prayer around the world.

The month closes with two important events in the diocese: March 25th, the Annual Corporate Communion; March 31st, the special meeting on the great ecumenical assembly which will take place in the United States this summer.

How fortunate we are, in this diocese, to be able to meet and pray together frequently and to receive inspiration from one another. Of course, this privilege brings added responsibility. May we express our gratitude by full support of the "Builders for Christ" campaign. We women know of the tremendous needs of our seminaries and our missions at home and abroad. Help spread the news and make sure this campaign goes over the top.

Annual Corporate Communion

"We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;—."

For generations women have been gathering each year at old Christ Church, on the Feast of the Annunciation, and have prayed this prayer and have gone forth with renewed hope and a new evaluation of their lives. And so once more women from all the churches of the Diocese will come together in this historic place and through prayer and worship as one body be able to return to their churches with fresh determination to help make their communities greater centers of spiritual vitality.

All women are invited and urged to come to the Corporate Communion at Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market, Philadelphia, on Thursday, March 25th, at 8:00 a.m.

The Very Reverend Philip F. McNairy, D.D., Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, New York, will speak at the breakfast, on the subject, "Through Prayer and Worship to Redeemed and Redeeming Fellowship."

Breakfast $1.00, purchase tickets before Monday, March 22nd, at the Woman's Auxiliary Office.

Windham House Vocational Conference

On September 1, 1952, the Church Training and Deaconess House (St. Mary's House) of Philadelphia united with Windham House, New York City, to form a united graduate training center in the East for women who are preparing to enter full-time work in the Episcopal Church, and for those already working for the Church and want to take further training.

The students are college graduates who take a two-year program of study which prepares them to become trained workers, at home and overseas, in parishes and missions, in college work and social work, throughout the Episcopal Church. It is international and inter-racial and attracts students from all over the Church.

In this 25th Anniversary Year of Windham House, especially because there is such a tremendous need for trained women workers in our Church, both at home and overseas, there will be held a Vocational Conference at Windham House the weekend of March 26th. Women who are college graduates and interested in becoming full-time active workers in the Church are invited to attend.

For further information contact: Mrs. Henry J. Gideon, 215 E. Sedgwick St., Phila. 19, Pa.; Mrs. Edward Parnum, 5140 Newhall St., Phila. 44, Pa.

A REMINDER

It is hoped that every Auxiliary Branch will share in the "SPECIAL" for the Children's Department of the City Mission.

Elizabeth Price Martin League for Service, Unit No. 2

A bottle of baby's formula milk, representing a $15,000 gift to Episcopal Hospital, was handed over to the Hospital's Board of Managers, by Mrs. Lewis C. Dick, former chairman of the Hospital's Elizabeth Price Martin League, on January 8, 1954.

The bottle symbolized a new, ultra-modern milk formula laboratory, money for which was raised by members of the League, under the leadership of Mrs. Dick.

During the past 18 years the League has contributed more than $100,000 to Episcopal Hospital for equipment and services, and League members continue to contribute their time to brightening the lives of patients with parties, visits and the operations of a mobile library.

We pay tribute to Mrs. Dick as she retires from the presidency and extend a hearty welcome to her successor, Mrs. Harold Murdock.

Scholarship Fund

Time is running out! A girl from our Diocese at Windham House is counting on us for help in finishing her education. Have you shared in this $300.00 Scholarship Fund? Mrs. Edmund Trudeau, 201-B David Drive, Bryn Mawr, is available to speak on this Fund and recruiting for church vocations.

$1000.00 for Bishop's Fund

In December the Founder's Committee presented Bishop Hart with a check of $1000.00 for his Discretionary Fund. This money was realized from the sale of articles contributed through the Founder's Committee to the Co-Operative Shop.

The Founder's Committee is so named because a group of Episcopal women founded the Co-Operative Shop, which today has eleven beneficiaries. Annual dividends are based upon contributions from each group.

Bring or send your bric-a-brac, clothing, etc., in good condition, marked "Founders," to the Co-Operative Shop, 1735 Sansom Street, Phila., or contact your auxiliary branch president.

AUXILIARY

Plan for June

In planning a vacation it is well to consider our three fold nature; body, mind and spirit. We therefore suggest that before making summer plans you consider the opportunity offered by the Church in the Conference of the Province of Washington, to be held at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland, June 13-19, 1954.

There in delightful surroundings you may enjoy stimulating hours of lecture, study and discussion on the timely theme, "Christ and His Modern Rivals," under the expert leadership of The Rev. Chad Welsh, Professor of English, Beloit College, assisted by a faculty of distinguished leaders of the Church. Of special interest to us is the Workshop on Prayer to be led by Mrs. Samuel Shoemaker.

For all that is good—Go to Hood!!!

Program Planners — Your Spring Emphasis

Looking for a fresh approach, a stimulating program, a new spring look? Come to our Christian Education meeting, March 31st, 10:30 a.m., at the Church House, for a look at Church Unity, and hear Miss Antonia Froendt.

Here is a rare opportunity to learn of the World Council of Churches and its Second Assembly in Evanston (August 15-31, 1954.) Miss Froendt has been associated with the ecumenical movement since 1925, she has unusual knowledge of world conditions, is on the staff of the World Council of Churches, and is a gifted speaker.

A number of rectors have expressed interest in this meeting, and a warm wlcome will be given to any of the clergy who can attend. So come and bring your rector.

All Christians agree that God wills unity. The coming Assembly makes the subject timely for discussion in our parishes. It is only in the knowledge that it is the will of God that we should all be one, that we are bold to work and pray for the unity of all Christians. Plenty of excellent material is available. We suggest using, "Evanston Notebook," by Rev. James Kennedy (Episcopalian), 50¢; "Evanston and Everywhere," by Elsie Culver, 20¢.

We shall want also to inform ourselves about the great Anglican Congress to take place in Minneapolis (August 4-13, 1954). Bishops, Priests and Lay people (not just the Bishops as at Lambeth) will consider, "The Call of God and the Mission of the Anglican Communion." We suggest: "Anglican Congress—Witness to Our Common Faith," free; and "Our Expanding Church," by Rev. J. T. Addison, 50¢.

Calendar of Events

All meetings at the Church House at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated. Light lunch served Wednesdays and Fridays.

Wed., March 3
Ash Wednesday—Church House closed
NO meeting of the Committee on Negro Work

Fri., March 5
World Day of Prayer
Check your local newspaper or call the Woman's Auxiliary for place and time of service in your community.
NO meeting of the Diocesan Committee.

Tues., March 9
Quiet Day—North Phila. Convocation
St. James the Less, 32nd and Clearfield Sts.
10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
Conductor—The Rev. Emmett P. Paige
Rector, St. Marks Church, Phila.

Wed., March 10
Domestic Committee
Business meeting followed by Lenten Service of The Holy Communion
Meditation conducted by The Rev. James L. Ludwig

Fri., March 12
Prayer and Worship Committee
Speaker, The Rev. Edward B. Pollanick, Assistant Rector, Church of the Holy Trinity

Fri., March 12
Elizabeth Price Martin League, Unit No. 2
Episcopal Hospital—10:30 a.m.

Wed., March 17
Overseas Committee

Wed., March 17
Diocesan Evening Branch
Churchwoman's Club—1919 Walnut St., Phila.
Dinner—6:30 p.m.—price $1.10
reservations by March 12
Meeting—7:30 p.m.
Speaker—Mrs. Henry J. Gideon, Chairman, Prayer and Worship Committee

Fri., March 19
Christian Social Relations
Speaker—Dr. Preston Sharp, Director, Youth Study Center

Wed., March 24
Indians' Hope Association
Speaker—Bishop W. Blair Roberts

Wed., March 24
Elizabeth Price Martin League, Unit No. 1
2:00 p.m.

Thurs., March 25
Annual Corporate Communion
Christ Church, 2nd St., above Market
8:00 a.m.

Fri., March 26
Church Periodical Club
Lenten Service

Wed., March 31
Christian Education
Miss Antonia Froendt, "World Council of Churches"

Looking Ahead

April 2nd
Diocesan Committee

April 7th
Committee on Negro Work

April 9th
Prayer and Worship Committee

April 12-17
Holy Week (no meetings)

May 24
Annual Meeting

Our Study Offering

The 1954 Mission Study Offering will be used to provide a communion service for St. Theodore's Hospital at Sagada, in the Philippines, and to forward the work among the Mexicans at St. Anne's Mission, El Paso, Texas, It is appropriate to dedicate this year's offering to the loving memory of Lea F. Hill, though our main Auxiliary memorial to her will be given through the Book of Remembrance.

Mrs. Wedel Coming To Philadelphia

Mrs. T. O. Wedel, the wife of Canon Wedel, of Washington, D. C. will be the climaxing speaker at a workshop on "The Changing Community" sponsored by the Woman's Department of the Philadelphia Council of Churches. It will be at the First Baptist Church, 17th and Sansom Streets, on Monday, March 29, from 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Stop, Look and Listen

A Meditation by

THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG
Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania

Psalm 46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God."

A knowledge of God, a companionship with God, the sharing of our lives with God is both the aim and the experience of those who are living the Christian way of life. There are many interruptions and distractions to this companionship, as there are to all the companionships in this world. Telephones, radios, television, movies, automobiles, things of all kinds, all are distractions to a single purpose of life. It is exceedingly difficult to even begin to make friends with another person in a large crowd because of the noise resulting from many conversations all going on at the same time. We all know the experience of being alone with another human being, in a room, in an automobile, in a canoe or in the country, and rightly value the opportunity one has to become acquainted with one another without distractions. All distractions do not come from without. There are distractions that arise within ourselves such as a wandering mind, nagging worries, nervous tension, to name but a few.

Silence is not simply the absence of noise but is really a condition that permits, with a minimum of interruption, the application of one's attention. It is quite true that noise, as of an elevated, railroad trains, automobiles, whistles, bells, machinery, has a deleterious effect upon the nervous system of the human being. There are a few individuals who have been able to develop the capacity for concentration so that they are able to "turn off" external interruption. This skill is exceedingly hard to come by and rarely necessary.

To be still and know is comparatively simple. All that is necessary is to find the time during the day when the phone is unlikely to ring and visitors are unlikely to call, when the demands of daily life are at a low ebb, when one can remove the accustomed interruptions of everyday life; as for example, early in the morning and often in the evening. To remove the noise and bustle of everyday life that attacks us from the outside then is the first and easier step. The second, which calls upon us to stop for a time our planning for the morrow, our consideration of problems for today and our nagging worries, is more difficult.

The most helpful way that I have learned is a step by step process. We are all familiar with the railroad grade crossing sign "Stop, Look and Listen." It does one no good just to stop for it is possible then to charge ahead into the path of an on-rushing train unless one has looked and listened. The coming to a stop can be done quite easily but unless there is a purpose in it, distractions almost immediately appear. A sound attracts one's attention, a cut in one's finger or a shoe that is tied too tightly, may call attention to itself and get undue attention because we have nothing else to do. So, there must be a purpose in stopping. We stop in order to look and so having provided the best conditions in which to look without interruption we, as soon as we are quiet, look at our friend who, in this case, is a loving Heavenly Father represented by His Son, Jesus Christ. It is well to have a familiar and loved picture, a cross, a crucifix or some other object that represents to us the love of God made manifest in His Son. Because each one of us is somewhat different from every other person the expression of that love in Jesus Christ will vary widely. It may even be a cross about one's neck, a Church War Cross or a picture of mother, father, husband, wife or child. In looking at this object our attention will be attracted to aspects of God's nature as they appear in His relationship through His Son to Peter, Thomas, a leper, a woman, a soldier, a child, and so a picture will form in one's mind of a Friend.

In looking at the scene projected, by reenacting it, we will hear His voice and we will see His face and we will understand His purpose. We find ourselves not only looking, but listening. We are so interested that we do not hear small noises nor are we distracted by minor distractions. It is just as though we had met a much loved friend in a crowded railway station and in talking to that friend all of the noise and rushing hubbub disappears as we look only at a person and hear only that persons voice. This is the silence into which we withdraw that we may "Be still, and know that I am God."

ANNIVERSARY OF RECTOR OBSERVED IN BRISTOL

More than 200 persons gathered in the parish house of St. James' Church, Bristol, recently to pay tribute to the rector, the Rev. George E. Boswell and Mrs. Boswell.

Mr. Boswell has been rector of the church for 25 years. Attending the reception were the Right Rev. Oliver J. Hart, S.T.D., bishop of the diocese, and his wife, and the Rev. Charles H. Long, secretary of the diocese.

Bishop Hart, on behalf of the congregation, presented Mr. Boswell with an engraved silver bread tray. A prayer book and hymnal were presented by the primary department of the Church School. An alligator wallet containing a sum of money was later presented to the rector and other gifts were sent directly to the rectory.

WARNING!

Dr. Charles H. Long, Executive Secretary of the Diocese, has issued the following warning:

The Diocese has been notified that an individual using the name of the Rev. P. A. McKenzie of Philadelphia and stating that he is a member of the Episcopal Church, has been passing bogus checks.

An individiual claiming to be an Episcopalian has been collecting money for the home for delinquent boys. It is not recognized by the Diocese of Pennsylvania nor is it approved.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The theme word for this year is "RElationships," or connections whereby it is learned that relationships go further than the girls of our own G.F.S. Branch, so we start with Puerto Rico. To the English-speaking West Indian congregation of St. John's Cathedral, Santurce (a suburb of San Juan) the G.F.S. is sending its Diocesan Lenten boxes of new clothing for boys, girls, men and women. The Juniors will concentrate, as usual, on a liberal supply of Christmas gifts for Christmas 1954.

While the Roman Catholic Church predominates, several of the Protestant Churches have active work on the Island. The Episcopal Church works mostly in the country districts, which have been little touched by the Roman Church in more than four and a half centuries. We have three main centres of work—St. John's Cathedral in San Juan, Holy Trinity Church and St. Luke's Hospital at Ponci and St. Andrew's at Mayaguez.

The National G.F.S. Mission Object for this year is to purchase a station wagon for the use of the Sisters of St. Margaret at St. Vincent's School, Haiti. These devoted Sisters work for the blind, deaf and crippled children, theirs being the only work of its kind on the Island, and the station wagon will be a tremendous help in transporting the children to and from the school. The G.F.S. in Pennsylvania will make its contribution to this object at its Annual Service on April 29th.

Since 1907 scholarships have been given by the G.F.S. to All Saints' School Bontoc, P.I. and Pennsylvania has always stood in the vanguard by supporting five or six girls annually at this school. Last year five scholarships ($85 each) were given by this Diocese and it is hoped that we will be able to continue to keep these five girls in school this year again, for it would be impossible for them to go to school without this help. Graduates of this school have become competent and faithful teachers and nurses among their own people. The offering at the Junior Annual Service on April 24th will be for this cause, and all G.F.S. Members, Sponsors and friends are requested to send their contributions for the Scholarship Fund before May 1st, to Miss Elizabeth W. Beatty, Mission Chairman, 1527 W. Westmoreland Street, Philadelphia 40.

Church Agencies Help Residents of Old Ladies' Home

Four Episcopal church homes for the aged—Christ Church Hospital, House of Rest, Keene Home and Leamy—a church convalescent home and the Family Counseling Service of the Episcopal City Mission, worked together this year to provide comfort and security for some of the homeless women of Wissinoming.

A year ago without warning the residents of the Old Ladies' Home at Wissinoming were told that their Home —the home they had thought they would live in for the rest of their lives —was to be closed. There were 113 older, distressed women in the Home, who had to have help to find some other place to live. The Episcopal City Mission was asked to counsel with 46 of the residents, ranging from the early seventies up to ninety-one years of age, and belonging to many denominations.

By January of this year all the women had homes, helped by many church and community agencies. Eight of the women have found happiness in the four Church Homes.

> One of them writes: I thank God every day for this great blessing. This is a wonderful Home in every way and delicious meals . . .

Five others are living temporarily at the James C. Smith Memorial Home, an institution of the Episcopal City Mission, while waiting for their permanet plans to mature.

The Rev. Arnold Purdie, Executive Secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations says, "This has been a most thrilling example of how church institutions and agencies can work together to meet in a most satisfactory manner an emergency situation involving our church members and others. It is just one of the many indications of the ways in which the church agencies of the Diocese are cooperating in areas of common concern."

HOUSE OF REST RESIDENCE ROOM

The charming atmosphere of the room shown in accompanying picture gives an idea of the beauty and comfort of your Diocesan Home for the Aged, The House of Rest, at 5919 Wayne Ave., Germantown, where at present, there are 44 ladies in residence.

A most important factor in the support of the Home, is the Card Party, held each Spring in The Wanamaker Auditorium. This year the date is April 29th. The day, Thursday, at 1:30 in the afternoon. The tables are $5.00 each, single tickets $1.25. Mark the date on your calendar now, and be there to enjoy and have a part in the success of this worthy project.

Mrs. John K. Parker, Mrs. F. Le Roy Worley and Mrs. Arthur N. Goodfellow are acting as Chairmen, with the following Board Members assisting: Tickets, Miss Harriet Thompson, Mrs. George Higginson; Door Prizes, Mrs. Harry E. Nixon, Mrs. James G. Ludwig; Cake and Candy, Miss Anna Vandegrift, Mrs. Neville H. Ehmann; Busy Bees, Mrs. Walter H. Rossmassler, Mrs. Agnes Kelly; Hostesses, Mrs. John T. Custis, Mrs. George E. Smith; Surprise Packages, Mrs. Stuard Graham, 3rd, Mrs. Elwood C. Parry; Flowers, Mrs. T. Carrick Jordan, Mrs. Sidney L. W. Lea; Publicity, Mrs. James C. Robb.

AN APPRECIATION OF EDWARD S. SIDDALL, ORGANIST

By S. TAGART STEELE, JR.

On the first day of this New Year, at St. Luke's Church, Germantown, there came to a close a truly extraordinary contribution in the field of Church music, when Mr. Edward S. Siddall realized reluctantly that he would have to curtail his work, and resigned from the post of Choirmaster and Organist of that Church. Because of his association with the musical life of this diocese for many years, it seems fitting that some facts be culled from his personal history that may serve to guide and inspire us in the making of sincere and reverent music the adjunct to the Worship of Almighty God that it can and should be.

Briefly, Edward S. Siddall became organist of St. Michael's Church, 19th and Locust Streets, when he was only sixteen years old. During this time he studied under E. Louis Wadlow, then choirmaster and organist at St. Mark's Church, 16th and Locust, and formerly choirmaster at St. Timothy's, Roxborough. In November, 1925, Mr. Wadlow recommended Mr. Siddall for the position of choirmaster at St. Timothy's where he remained until 1934. In January of that year Mr. Siddall accepted the position of choirmaster at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, New Jersey. However, he returned to St. Timothy's eighteen months later where he served as choirmaster another ten years. On May 1, 1945, Mr. Siddall was called to be choirmaster of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, to succeed the late Mr. George Alexander A. West who had served St. Luke's for over fifty years. He remained in this position until December 31, 1953, when pressure of business made it necessary for him to relinquish some of his activities for he was recently promoted to Manager of the Tube Division of Morris Wheeler and Company, Inc. Mr. Siddall reorganized the St. Dunstun's Choir, organized the Diocesan Choir for Bishop Hart and was also an active member of the Commission on Music for a number of years.

In connection with the Bryan Green Mission, Mr. Siddall performed an outstanding service for the Diocese. As Bishop Armstrong recalls it: "When the organization for the Bryan Green Mission was being formed a Chairman for the Committee on Music had to be found and Mr. Siddall's name came to mind. When he was asked to take on this assignment his response was immediate and enthusiastically affirmative. It is hard to know whether he knew what this was going to mean or not, but he soon found out. On a night in September when Bryan Green came to Philadelphia for overnight, Mr. Siddall met him in a downtown hotel room and there they blocked-in the paper bound hymn book which was to be used for the Mission. This entailed selecting hymns from various sources and in some cases setting familiar words to a new or old tune.

As Canon Green wanted to use both the piano and organ in Convention Hall it was necessary to have at least two musicians there for every night of the ten day Mission. It soon became apparent that Canon Green wanted the piano to lead the singing so Mr. Siddall took that on himself and provided an organist. When the time came for the Mission he devoted all of his spare time to it as he went to both preliminary meetings, Doylestown and West Chester, and then was at the piano every night throughout the Mission. When Bryan Green returned a year later for a reunion meeting Mr. Siddall was at the piano. It is this faithfulness and great enthusiasm which is one of the marks of his contribution to parish and diocese."

As Rector of the last in a long line of Parishes he has served so well, I would like to say at least a word of appreciation for what Mr. Siddall meant to St. Luke's for almost nine years.

As a man, he was a splendid example, particularly for the young boys, and they simply adored his friendly interest in all of their problems, even though he maintained a high level of discipline along with it. As a musician, he had certainly two great characteristics that helped to make his Church music of so high a quality:

First, he always kept a proper proportion and balance, and insisted that the Worship of Almighty God should be the first consideration in the Services of the Church. Solo work in the choir was held within this limit, and the whole Service was kept at a level of humble adoration of God Himself. The effect was one of great beauty and reverence.

The second characteristic, so it appears to this writer, was his ability to train boys' voices so that they could sing the most difficult music with great accuracy and ease.

Mr. Siddall is staying on at St. Luke's Church and will continue his duties as a Vestryman. However, it would appear that so many years of outstanding service should have at least a word of recognition and sincere appreciation.

TO VISIT AIR INSTALLATIONS

The Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street above Chestnut, Philadelphia, the Rev. Dr. Alfred W. Price, is a member of a team of four Protestant Clergymen who will conduct a Preaching Mission to the United States Air Force Bases in Europe during Lent. Dr. Price, who is the National Chaplain of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, has been assigned six bases in Germany. He will visit Air Force Installations in Munich, Landsberg, Giebelstadt, Rhein/Main, Birkenfeld and Wiesbaden. He will leave for his assignment on February 23rd and return after Easter. Each Mission will begin on Sunday and will continue through Friday. Services will be held each evening, and addresses made during the day to Wive's Clubs, Children's Clubs, Sunday School Teachers and Staff Officers Conferences. Personal counselling will occupy a large part of each day, and radio addresses will be given over the Armed Forces Network for Europe.

DITTY BAGS FOR ORE SHIP

The Seamen's Church Institute took part in the welcoming of the S. S. Tosca, a Swedish ship arriving with the first load of iron ore from Venezuela to be delivered to the new steel works at Morrisville. The Rev. Percy R. Stockman pronounced the benediction at ceremonies at Pier #4. The Rev. Warren H. Davis, Jr. presented ditty bags to the officers and crew.

MUSIC FOR THE WORSHIPPER—III

By WESLEY A. DAY, F.A.G.O.
Choirmaster, St. Mark's Church
Member, Diocesan Music Commission

The two preceding articles were centered around the idea that realistic corporate worship must be matched with suitable music if music be used at all. (There are worshippers who cannot attend a service with music if the music does not match in such a way.)

What music *does* match our Prayer Book standard? Well, it must be music that is religious both in style and use. If this seems rather obvious, let us realize that we have a very understandable tendency to bring concert hall, secular, attitudes to music wherever we find it. The church service is not offered for our personal enjoyment, although that may follow if we lose ourselves in corporate worship. We would resent a service "staged" in the secular manner of a dramatic reading, a play, or a T-V "soap opera."

So with church music. If it be chosen as part of our offering to God it will not sound like secular music—even good secular music. Nor will it be presented in a theatrical or emotional way. Sir John Stainer's "Fling Wide the Gates," for example, is not good church music, although it happens to have a sacred text. Performed in a crackling rhythmic and dramatic manner it is fine *concert hall* music. "God So Loved the World" by the same composer *is* good church music, but only if sung quietly and in an objective manner. All too often choirs sentimentalize and emote through it, in the worst soap opera fashion, with an eye to effects, rather than to offering it worthily to the Most High God.

Congregations can and should join in heart and mind with a worthy musical offering, especially so if the choir offers music beyond the musical talents of the congregation. Certainly it will be more possible if the music be well chosen and well sung as offering and not as a tid-bit to disarm the congregation.

Hymns should be sung by everyone, regardless of the beauty or lack of beauty of an individual voice. Our voices are certainly pleasing to their Creator; dare we not lift them to His praise? Any timidness in this matter is hard to excuse.

Hymns are first and foremost WORDS and as such should be provided with worthy tunes that meet all the requirements of good church music. We ought to look forward to the opportunity to sing a new hymn, or to learn a more worthy tune for words we already use. The place to relish a grand old sentimental tune and to savor all of our individual associations with it is at home, or maybe in the parish house. Not, however, in worship.

If we take a new look at our church music in these ways, clergy, choirs, choirmasters and congregations may soon find church music itself taking on a new look. Then it will be once more on a par with the other details of our worship, worthy of our Lord and Master.

THE CHURCHWOMAN'S CLUB

At the annual meeting of the Churchwoman's Club the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Thomas N. Walker; First Vice-Pres., Mrs. Birchall Hammer; Second Vice-Pres., Mrs. Charles Coulomb; Recording Sec., Miss Emma Thompson; Corresponding Sec., Miss Grace D. Stewart; Treas. Miss Bertha Bennett; Asst. Treas., Miss Clara Bauman.

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Programs announced for March: Mar. 2, Mr. Chas. W. Bancroft, Pictures, poems, chimes; Mar. 9, Mr. Kermitt Lloyd, seminarian in charge of St. Andrew's Church, West Phila.; Mar. 16, Mrs. Robert Clark Linck, Piano recital; Mar. 23, the Rev. Gustav C. Meckling, "The Hard of Hearing"; Mar. 30, Mrs. Charles Myers, President Woman's Auxiliary of Diocese of Penna.

IN THE DIOCESE

The Gold Star Room in the parish house of Christ Church and St. Michael's, Germantown, has been renovated and redecorated. It is named in honor of parishioners who gave their lives in World War II.

At St. George's Church, Ardmore, the Rev. Peter C. Van der Hiel, rector, recently spoke to the young people on "A Trip Back to Europe." Mrs. James P. Berry spoke to the parish Woman's Auxiliary on Recreational and Mental Health Work at Philadelphia General Hospital.

On March 28 the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Young People's Fellowship of St. Barnabas Church, Haddington, will hold a Corporate Communion and breakfast. There will be a speaker to explain the aims and purposes of the St. George Association of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

An illustrated lecture on work in Liberia was given to the Church School of St. Mary's Church, Wayne, by a former parishioner, Father Parcell of the Order of the Holy Cross, who also preached at a Sunday morning service in St. Mary's Church.

The Church School of St. Mary's Church, Wayne, sent 1,000 gifts to the Good Shepherd Mission, Fort Defiance, Arizona, where the Rev. Eugene B. E. Botelho, a former parishioner of St. Mary's Church, is on the staff.

YOUNG MOTHERS OF ST. THOMAS, WHITEMARSH SERVE AT CHINESE LUNCHEON

Left to right: Mrs. Reed Peterman, Mrs. Donald Conway, Mrs. Henry Lippincott, Mrs. Wheeler Lord, Mrs. J. Brooks Diver, Mrs. Marshall Lamason, Mrs. David Kollock, Mrs. Alden Tucker, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. John Kock, Mrs. Benton Wilde. Bishop and Mrs. Tsu in center.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Service of Presentation of the Epiphany Self Denial Offering of THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING, was held on January 31 at St. Thomas Church, 52nd and Parrish Street. About seventy members were present. The Rev. Jesse F. Anderson planned a special evening service for the occasion. A tour of the Church followed immediately after the service. The Chapter of the Daughters of the King at St. Thomas served refreshments. The Self Denial Offering is used to pay the salary of Miss Elda Smith, the Daughters of the King Missionary who is working at St. Mark's Church in Honolulu, Hawaii, since she was evacuated from China. The National Order of the Daughters of the King pay for the entire salary of Miss Smith as well as give scholarships to young women to train for Church Workers. This fund, known as THE MASTER'S FUND, is collected in the spring. *All funds are free will* as this is a NO MONEY MAKING ORDER. Vows of Prayer and Service are taken.

SPECIAL REHEARSALS FOR JUNIOR CHOIR FESTIVAL

While individual directors are responsible for teaching the festival music to their choirs, all groups expecting to participate in the Diocesan Festival Service for Junior Choirs on May 2 are asked to attend the spring regional rehearsal and the final mass rehearsal.

Regional rehearsals will be held on Saturday morning, March 27, from 10 to 11 o'clock at the following places:

Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr

St. Mark's, Frankford

St. Peter's, Glenside

The final mass rehearsal will be the Sunday preceding the Festival, April 25, at 3 o'clock at the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets, where the Festival Service will be held at 4 o'clock on Sunday, May 2.

For further information write or call Mrs. Ruth J. Flower, 2637 Church Road, Glenside. Phone—Ogontz 2874.

IN THE DIOCESE

The Vicar and choir of the Chapel of the Holy Apostles, Penn Wynne, recently broadcast a Sunday morning service over the WCAU program known as The Church of the Air.

A special coffee hour, following the morning service, marked the 15th anniversary of the Rev. Arthur Murray as rector of the Church of the Resurrection, Broad and Tioga Streets, on Jan. 17th.

THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

The Academy was represented at the annual Buck Hill Falls conference, which was held on February 5-7, by Chaplain James R. McDowell, Mr. Anthony Ridgway, Frederick C. Haab, Jr., William Lilley, III, Ralph McLean, and David R. Scott. The purpose of the conference, which is sponsored by the Council for Religion in Independent Schools, is to assist in the development of the religious life of young people in the schools.

The theme of the conference was Faith, Fear, and Fraternity. The principal speaker was Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, the President of the Union Theological Seminary, whose book, *Life's Meaning,* was the principal basis for the discussions.

This conference is important to the student body at Episcopal because students are able to discuss problems which are peculiar to the Academy and share this experience with boys and girls from other schools. Out of it can come a keen understanding of the mutual problems and means of coping with them. It was also a rich experience for the boys attending to be able to compare their own Sacred Studies course with those given at other schools along the eastern seaboard.

Guest speakers in the chapel recently have included the Rev. Rex S. Clements, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church; the Rev. William P. Lander, Church of the Good Shepherd, Rosemont; the Rev. Emmett P. Paige, St. Mark's Church, 16th and Locust Streets.

The annual Ash Wednesday Corporate Communion Service will be held in the Academy Chapel on March 3 at 8 a.m. Alumni and friends are cordially invited to attend the service, and the breakfast which will follow.

A DEPOSITION

Notice is hereby given that on January 28, 1954, in the Chapel of the Church House, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, acting in accordance with the provisions of Canon 60, Section 1, of the Canons of General Convention (1952) and with the advice and consent of the Clerical Members of the Standing Committee and in the presence of the Reverend Charles H. Long, D.D. and the Reverend Henry S. Paynter, Presbyters of this Diocese, I formally accepted the renunciation of the Ministry of the Church made to me in writing by NORMAN CLIFFORD FARNLOF who is therefore released from the obligations of the ministerial office and deprived of the right to exercise the gifts and spiritual authority as a Minister of God's Word and Sacraments conferred on him at his ordination. (signed)

Oliver J. Hart, Bishop of Pennsylvania.

NEW BOOKS PURCHASED FOR DIOCESAN LIBRARY

Those marked with an * are especially adapted to Lenten reading.

Art and the Reformation—G. G. Coulton
Anglican Pulpit Today—F. D. Gifford
Background of the Church of England—Kenneth McKenzie
Beyond Anxiety—James Pike
Christian Attitude to Other Religions—E. C. Dewick
Christian Belief Today—J. C. Wand and W. R. Matthews
Christian Faith and Natural Science—H. Heim
The Christian Gospel and the Parish Church—Charles Kean
Christian Love—Paul E. Johnson
Christian Paths of Self Acceptance—Robert H. Bonthius
The Courage to Be—Paul Tillich
Church and Mental Health—P. B. Mayes
Early Christian Fathers, Vol. 1 and 2—Cyril Richardson
Experience and Interpretation—Charles E. Raven
The Gospel Before Mark—Peirson Parker
The Greatest Faith Ever Known—Fulton Oursler
History of the Church of England—R. H. Moorman
History of Christianity—K. S. Latourette
History and Treasures of Westminster Abbey—L. E. Tanner
In Parables—C. Chappell
In the Steps of Jesus—H. V. Morton
Prayer and You—Helen Shoemaker
Intercession—Christine Fleming Hoffner (Holy Cross Fathers)
International Critical Commentary on the Book of Kings—James A. Montgomery
*Journey Into Faith—Thomas S. Kepler
Life is Commitment—J. H. Holman
Man's Creatrix—William Temple
*Men with a Message—Stott (Harper Book for Lent)
Modernist Movement in the Roman Church—O. Vidler
Obedience in Church and State—Pierre Janelle
Optional God—Stephen F. Bayne
Prophet and Priest in Old Israel—A. C. Welch
Recovery of Family Life—Elton Trueblood
Recovery of Humanity—James Smart
*The Resurrection and the Life—Leslie D. Weatherhead
The Spiritual Maxims of St. Francis de Sales—C. F. Kelley
The Story of Jesus—Theodore P. Ferris
*Think on These Things—John Large
Unity in Faith—D. E. Barnes and J. Wittkofski
George Whitefield—A. B. Belden
The World Christ Knew—Anthony Kean

ORDINATIONS

On January 16 Bishop Armstrong ordained as deacon John Baptist Blenk to function as a perpetual deacon at St. Paul's Church, Doylestown, where the service was held.

In St. Paul's Church, Chester, on January 24, Bishop Roberts ordained Lewis Hoffner Worrall to serve as a perpetual deacon in St. Paul's parish.

SOME WAYS OF PRAYER

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beads. An early Christian Saint in Egypt used to count his prayers by having a hundred pebbles in a bag and casting one away with each prayer. Rosaries were probably popularized in Christian Europe by Mohammedan influence at the time of the Crusades. But the use of Rosaries is not in general accord with the principles of the Church after the Reformation. It is not our Prayer Book usage, which sets our standards of public and private worship, to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary; there are ten AVES in the Rosary to one PATER NOSTER. Certainly Jesus never taught us to pray to His mother, however saintly she may have been. He taught us to pray to OUR FATHER in heaven.

There may be a certain psychological value in repetition of the same prayer. Dr. Emile Coué taught this idea in his formula, "Day by day, in every way, I am getting better and better." He taught it to be said over and over without concentration, that it might get into the important subconscious mind. Coué said to repeat it parrot-like; this would be a sin in addressing God. However, constant repetition of one prayer is easy and soothing, especially when one wants to get troublesome thoughts out of one's mind. The usual Rosary with so many HAIL MARYS is not in accord with our Prayer Book tradition. But it is not unchurchly to repeat the Creed and LORD's PRAYER a number of times, not for counting but for mental ease; it need not be vain repetition. They are so sturdy; you never tire of them they don't wear out. To alternate them is very helpful: it might be called a churchly Rosary without beads.

Bishop Jones of West Texas has suggested a cycle of prayers as a substitute for a string of beads. He suggests visualizing a CROSS with its four points and crossing, and having a different thought for each—the five kinds of prayer.

1. Top: Adoration. Offer a prayer of homage to God.
2. Right arm: Humility. Confess your sins.
3. Left arm: Gratitude. Say a prayer of thanksgiving.
4. The crossing: Intercession. Pray for others, "where cross the crowded ways of life."
5. Foot of the cross: Petition for self last.

Such a chaplet is not repetitive and covers our necessities and duties. It is easy to follow at any time, in any place, and will not become mechanical, for we must think on each subject.

You can make up your own Rosary from the Catechism, using the body for five reminders, as though you were crossing yourself.

1. The head: Faith. Say the Creed.
2. Down stroke: Prayer. Repeat the Lord's Prayer.
3. Left shoulder: Self examination. Rehearse the Ten Commandments.
4. Right shoulder: Sacramental. A moment of spiritual communion.
5. The heart: Love. Recall our Lord's Summary of the Law.

A helpful garland of prayers can be made of chosen Collects from the Prayer Book. Using your Prayer Book for guide, follow any sequence of Collects from the Sundays after Trinity or the Festivals, I have particularly in mind the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Trinity. Another could be made from a verse or two of very familiar hymns which you know by heart: Love Divine, Jesus Lover of my soul, Rock of Ages, Nearer my God to Thee, Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Jesus' love. Such a selection would be for novices; more mature churchmen can make a far better one of hymns of Adoration, Penitence, Thanksgiving, Service and Praise, or any subjects of prayer-hymns you may choose.

Most beautiful chaplets of prayer can be made from devotional literature and the writings of the saints. Let me suggest some, if you care to take the trouble to learn them. Use the parts of the cross for *memoria technica,* to remind you not to cut your devotion.

1. A PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love, where there is sadness let me sow joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

2. A PRAYER OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA: Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will.

3. (Sacramental confession): I confess unto God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, that I have sinned in thought, word and deed, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault. (Here name the sins.) For these and all other sins I am heartily sorry and firmly purpose amendment, humbly asking of God pardon and forgiveness.

4. A PRAYER OF CANON WILLIAM BRIGHT: O most loving Father, who willest us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of Thee, and to cast all our care on Thee who cares for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide us from the light of that love which is immortal, and which Thou hast manifested unto us in Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

5. A PRAYER OF JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: Lord support us all the day long (of this wondrous and troublous life), until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Make your own Rosary which you can say over and over again, round and round, obedient to your Lord's directives of prayer, until your soul is at peace.

Bishops confer with Faculty at Philadelphia Divinity School. Faculty members standing in back. In front seated from left to right: Bishops Mosley, of Delaware; Warnecke, of Bethlehem; McKinstry, of Delaware; Banyard, of New Jersey; Barry, of Albany; Hart, of Pennsylvania; Thomas, of Pittsburgh; Crittenden, of Erie; Roberts, of China; Powell of Maryland.

IN THE DIOCESE

Bishop Armstrong was chairman of a committee which arranged for a recent Institute on Church Architecture sponsored by the Department of Research and Planning of the Philadelphia Council of Churches.

The rectory of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Essington, is now under roof and progressing rapidly. So far there have been no labor costs, as members of the parish are doing the work. The Woman's Auxiliary of the Convocation of Chester is raising $2,000 to help defray the cost of this rectory.

On March 25 Miss Katherine Rambo, librarian at the Episcopal Academy, will give an illustrated talk on "Historic Philadelphia" at St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue.

In order that the parishioners and friends might see the extensive renovations recently made to the rectory of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, a Sunday afternoon open house was held by the new rector, the Rev. Francis P. Davis, and Mrs. Davis.

At St. Augustine's Church, 2026 Columbia Avenue, a quarterly children's worship service is held at the eleven o'clock Sunday service, when the children of the Church School participate, featuring the children's choir.

The Rt. Rev. Y. Y. Tsu was the principal speaker at the January meeting of the Main Line Church School Association held at St. Asaph's Church, Bala.

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EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL CENTENNIAL

Mrs. Robert Toland of St. Thomas Church, Whitemarsh, will serve as chairman of the Women's Division of the Episcopal Hospital Centennial Fund, now being organized to raise funds for a much needed new building at the Hospital. Mrs. Toland promptly asked Mrs. Birchall Hammer, a member of the Church of St. Paul in Elkins Park; Mrs. R. Alexander Montgomery, St. David's Church, Radnor; and Miss Dora Mathis, R.N., director of nurses at the hospital, to serve with her as vice-chairmen in the Centennial Fund drive. She has been busy since then enrolling other volunteers for campaign responsibilities and perfecting the organization of her important division.

The Centennial Fund campaign, to be launched April 1, will seek financial support for construction of a badly needed new wing for the century-old Episcopal Hospital, founded by Bishop Alonzo Potter and other prominent Philadelphia clergymen and laymen in 1852. Bishop Hart is serving as one of three honorary chairmen for the Centennial Fund campaign.

Members of the Northeast Philadelphia clericus of the Diocese were invited to hold their monthly meeting at Episcopal Hospital on February 18 by Chaplain Arthur G. Elcombe of the Hospital.

The clericus is an informal group of ministers serving in the Northeast area, who meet monthly to discuss problems and exchange ideas common to their parishes.

Dr. Lucius R. Wilson, Director of the Hospital, addressed the meeting and answered questions about the Hospital service to the area.

Members of the clericus include Rev. Edward M. Bak, Rev. Silvio Biagini, Rev. Francis J. Blake, Rev. Warren H. Davis, Rev. E. A. DeBordenave, Chaplain Elcombe, Rev. Albert F. Fischer, Rev. Walter Frieman, Rev. Robert S. Harris, Rev. J. Lyon Hatfield, Rev. James E. Imber, Rev. Elof Johnson, Rev. George L. Kalbaugh, Rev. John H. Lever, Rev. Gustav Meckling, Rev. W. Ralston McKean, Rev. Arthur Murray, Rev. G. Crofton Thompson, Rev. David O. Trauger, Rev. John W. Treleaven, Rev. W. W. Ware, Rev. J. McNeal Wheatley and Rev. Daniel S. Wood.

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REV. JOHN ELLIS LARGE, D.D.

(Harper book for Lent)

The author helps the reader to find a way to stop caring about the wrong things. It is a brief course in healthy minded Christianity. Dr. Large is rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, New York City.

$1.75 plus postage

"Road Blocks to Faith"

REV. J. A. PIKE, D.D.
and
J. McG. KRUMM, D.D.

(Bishop of New York Book for 1954)

In this book the believer answers the skeptic. It contains a series of dialogue sermons preached last summer in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. The sermons are designed to deal with the difficulties which confront many thinking people in their religion. Dr. Pike is Dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Dr. Krumm is Chaplain of Columbia University.

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8 p.m. Ash Wednesday Celebration of Holy Communion with music by the choir, and a brief organ recital.

MARCH 10
8 p.m. Dr. Ruel L. Howe, speaks
Virginia Theological Seminary

MARCH 17
6:15 p.m. "Around the World Dinner"
7:30 p.m. Nancy Courtney, speaks
Vice Principal, Jones Junior High School

MARCH 24
8 p.m. Rev. G. Paul Musselman, speaks
National Council Secretary of the Urban Industrial Church Work

MARCH 31
8 p.m. In the Parish House
"The Vigil", a religious play presented by the Parish Players

APRIL 7
8 p.m. Dora P. Chaplin, speaks
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BEQUESTS, GIFTS, MEMORIALS

At the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square, there were recently dedicated a silver chalice and paten in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Harvey Thomas; a silver baptismal bowl in memory of Miss Mary Swift, and a set of kneeling cushions for the choir in memory of Miss Amy Swift.

At a recent meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Norristown, a gift of shares of stock of the Philadelphia Life Insurance Company was made by Mr. William Elliott, a member of the vestry, to constitute a part of the Endowment Fund of the parish, which has grown from $14,500 in 1925 to $105,000 at the close of 1953.

Two new red hassocks for use in front of the altar have been given to Trinity Church, Swarthmore, in loving memory of Winthrop Wright.

The Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets, the Episcopal Hospital, and the Diocese of Pennsylvania will all benefit under the will of Mattie J. Sanders, who died Jan. 15.

A memorial plaque commemorating the Rev. Robert H. Tabb, former rector, will be dedicated at the Church of the Crucifixion 807 Bainbridge St., Sunday, March 21, at 4 p.m.

The Altar Guild, with cooperation of Brotherhood of St. Andrew and Young People's Fellowship, have renovated the chapel at St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue.

A fine copy of Mariotto Albertinelli's "Visitation" (portraying the visit of Elizabeth to Mary) has been presented to the Church of the Holy Trinity, West Chester, by Admiral and Mrs. D. S. Fahrney. Mr. Barclay Rubincam has restored and cleaned both the painting and frame.

A modern slide projector and 800 slides covering Old and New Testaments, has been presented to St. George's Church, Ardmore, by a friend of the parish.

At All Saints' Church, Crescentville, a white super frontal has been given in memory of Allan and Jennie Robertson, and a pulpit fall given in memory of Jennie Robertson, were recently blessed.

Mr. Kenneth Nicholson recently gave 24 Prayer Books to St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square. New doors have been added to the south aisle of the church. A folding partition has been put in the basement to improve Sunday School facilities.

Announcement has been made of the gift of a new window for St. Asaph's Church, Bala, in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. David E. Williams. They were among the first members of this parish and Mr. Williams was on the vestry for over 50 years. He had served as both accounting warden and rector's warden.

The Board of Directors of the Northeast Boys' Club sent a check for ten dollars to St. Stephen's Church, Tenth Street, in memory of Mrs. Elmer S. Carll, who during her life was very helpful in the work of the club.

At St. Peter's Church in the Great Valley, additions to the parish house have been completed at a cost of $36,000. An altar and furnishings for the church school were given in memory of Effie Disston Fraley and an altar for the primary department was made by a member of the associate vestry.

IN GOD'S KEEPING

Former Mayor of Philadelphia, Bernard Samuel, who died Jan. 12, was buried from the Memorial Church of St. Paul, 15th and Porter Streets, Jan. 16.

The burial service for Alfred Dembowski, for many years a choir boy and later an acolyte, was held in St. John's Church, Norristown, on January 12.

Mr. Edgar M. Wilson, a vestryman of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, died on Jan. 26 and was buried from the church on Jan. 29.

Mrs. Edith S. Flannigan, who with her husband, the late Thomas A. Flannigan, helped found St. James Church, Prospect Park, in 1907, died Dec. 12 at the age of 85. For many years she was active in the work of the church.

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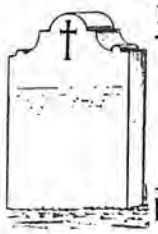

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